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1. KOREA

NYT (HALLORAN) REPORTS MAJ. GEN. KIM YUNG HWAN HAS BEEN
PERSUADED BY ROKG TO RETURN HOME BUT KIM SANG KEUN REMAINS
HERE RESISTING APPEAL OF BROTHER WHO CAME FROM SEOUL TO
PLEAD FOR RETURN. GENERAL KIM ALONG WITH ABOUT 25 OTHER
KCIA OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN ORDERED HOME "TO AVOID BEING
QUESTIONED BY FEDERAL AGENTS."

BALT SUN (AP) QUOTES NEW HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER AS SAYING
ETHICS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION OF ROKG BRIBES WILL BE
NEITHER WHITEWASH NOR WITCHHUNT. SAYS NO SPECIAL PROBLEM
POSED BY SPEAKER O'NEILL AND MAJORITY WHIP BRADEMAS
ACCEPTING GIFTS FROM TONGSUN PARK.

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NYT (UPI) REPORTS ELEVEN OF EIGHTEEN PROMINENT KOREANS
APPEALING CONVICTIONS PLEAD INNOCENT TO CHARGES OF ANTI-
ROKG ACTIVITIES BEFORE SEOUL APPEALS COURT. OTHER
DEFENDANTS INCLUDING KIM TAE CHUNG EXPECTED TO TESTIFY

MONDAY.

2. INDOCHINA/THAILAND

OVER 1000 DELEGATES FROM EVERY VN PROV GATHER IN HANOI FOR 4TH VN WORKERS' PARTY CONGRESS (AFP, NYT 12/12). ANDELMAN (NYT) REPORTS ARRIVAL TOP-LEVEL DELEGATIONS FROM WORLD'S MAJOR CPS FOR 4TH CONGRESS. NOTES LARGE USSR GROUP HEADED BY POLITBURO MEMBER SUSLOV. ADDS DELS CAME FROM LAOS/RUMANIA/SWEDEN/ANGOLA/MOZAMBIQUE SO FAR; W DIPLOMATS IN HANOI AWAIT ARRIVAL PRC DEL WHICH NOT YET ANNOUNCED, BUT EXPTECTED PROVIDE INDICATION STATE HANOI-PEKING RELS. SAYS VN SPARED NO EFFORTS MAKE CONGRESS SUCCESS.

SEN MANSFIELD ON NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS" STATES US SHOULD ESTABLISH DIPL RELS W/VN/CAMBODIA. SAYS ONLY WAY LEARN FATE MIAS IS TO ESTABLISH RELS, "GET PEOPLE IN THERE AND FIND OUT" (REUTER, NYT).

NYT SPEC DESCRIBES USE ISLANDS FORMED BY NAM NGUM DAM IN LAOS FOR "RE-EDUCATION." MOST SENT THERE YOUNG; OFFICIAL DENIES ARE POL PRISONERS. ARTICLE NOTES ON SURFACE CONDITIONS ON ISLANDS FOR 1500 DETAINEES SEEM HUMANE. MENTIONS REPORTS OF OTHER HARSH, REPRESSIVE CAMPS SCATTERED THROUGHOUT LAOS, INCL FORCED LABOR CAMPS FOR 40-50,000 FORMER ANTI-COMMUNIST SOLDIERS.

NEW RTG AGREES ALLOW EX-MIL LEADERS PRAPHAS/NARONG RETURN TO THAILAND (WP; REUTER, NYT). BORDER PATROL IN S THAILAND KILLS 4 REBLES IN CLASH NEAR MALAYSIAN BORDER (AP, NYT 12/12).

ANDELMAN (NYT 12/12) DESCRIBES CAMPAIGN VS VIETS THAT GROWS IN NE THAILAND. SAYS AS MANY AS 60,000 IN REGION, RESENTED BY LOCALS DUE ALIEN CULTURE/ECON DOMINANCE. MENTIONS RECENT ARREST HUNDREDS FOR ALLEGED COMMUNIST SYMPATHIES. FEELS VN PARTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR SITUATION UNCLASSIFIED

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SINCE REFUSES ACCEPT BACK VIETS THO LARGE NUMBERS WOULD RETURN TO VN IF POSSIBLE.

PARADE MAG (WP 12/12) DESCRIBES BANGKOK AS 1 OF WORLD'S MAJOR SEX CITIES WHOSE REPUTATION ATTRACTS PLANELOADS GERMAN/OTHER TOURISTS.

3. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

VN SOLDIERS FIRED ON GROUP FLEEING IN FISHING BOAT, KILLED GIRL; 20 OTHERS ARRIVE THAILAND (AP, WP 12/12). ESTIMATED 100,000 REFUGEES FLED TO THAILAND; 33,489 HAVE LEFT FOR NEW HOMES IN 17 OTHER COUNTRIES (AP, SUN).

4. BURMA

GUB CALLS FOR CRACKDOWN, INCL STIFFER PRISON SENTENCES, ON DRUG OFFENDERS (REUTER, SUN).

5. PHILIPPINES

UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN OPEN FIRE ON BUS CARRYING 3 US SERVICE-MEN 14 MI FROM CLARK AB, WOUND 1 (AP, NYT 12/12).

CHING (WSJ) REPORTS ON ASIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT AT MANILA; HAS 270 STUDENTS FROM SEVERAL ASIAN COUNTRIES, TRIES FILL CRITICAL NEED FOR MANAGERIAL TALENT.

6. MALAYSIA

TIN INDUSTRY FACES PROBLEMS LOW RESERVES/LACK INVESTOR INTEREST. SHORT-TERM OUTLOOK GOOD W/REVIVING ECON ACTIVITY WORLDWIDE, BUT LONG-TERM DEMAND LIKELY BE STATIC.

7. HONG KONG

ASIAN WSJ "ALIVE AND GROWING" AFTER 3 MOS; CIRCULATION NOW 13,000 DAILY (MATHEWS, WP 12/11).

8. PACIFIC ISLANDS

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CIA BUGS MICRONESIAN NEGOTIATIONS; DOS CALLS ACTION IMPROPER, FILES OBJECTION (WOODWARD, WP 12/12).

9. AUSTRALIA

AUSSIE DOL REVALUED UPWARD FOR 2ND TIME; NOW STANDS AT US 1.05 (WP).

RULING LIBERAL PARTY FAILS TOPPLE LABOR IN TASMANIAN STATE ELECTION; MAJOR ISSUE WAS FED GOVT'S ECON POLICIES FOLLOWING DEVALUATION (AFP, WP).

IRVIN (WSTAR 12/10) DESCRIBES UNUSUAL HAPPENINGS DURING DRIVE THRU AUSTRALIA. MENTIONS CB RADIOS ILLEGAL, BUT SALES VERY GOOD.

10. JAPAN

LDP RETAINED 1-SEAT MAJORITY IN DIET'S UPPER HOUSE W/VICTORY IN 1 OF 2 BY-ELECTIONS HELD 12/13 (REUTER, NYT).

US-JAPAN RESUME NEGOTS IN WASHINGTON ON NEW FISHING

AGREEMENT EXTENDING US FISHERIES' JURISDICTION TO 200 MILES (AP, WP).

JAPAN'S FISHING INDUSTRY TAKES ANOTHER HEAVY BLOW DUE USSR'S ESTABLISHMENT 200-MILE FISHING LIMIT. NEW AGREEMENT MUST NOW BE NEGOTIATED, W/JAPAN LIKELY FACE MORE RESTRICTIONS ON CATCH. MOVE FOLLOWS SIMILAR ACTION TAKEN BY US/CANADA/MEXICO/OTHERS (AP, SUN; OKA, CSM).

JAPAN'S DEF AGENCY HAS ASKED 3 US AIRCRAFT MFRS PROMISE NOT USE BRIBERY IN ATTEMPTS OBTAIN ORDERS. IF THEY DO, AGENCY WILL DEMAND PAYMENTS EQUAL TO BRIBE AMTS/RESERVES RIGHT CANCEL CONTRACT (WP "PARADE" MAG 12/12).

FINANCE MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAYS IMF REPS HAVE SUGGESTED JAPAN STIMULATE DOMESTIC ECONOMY/REFRAIN FROM EXCESSIVE RELIANCE ON EXPORTS IN ORDER HELP WORLD RECOVER FROM CURRENT ECON STAGNATION (SUN 12/11).

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ECON PLANNING AGENCY SAYS JAPAN'S 3RD QUARTER GROWTH SLOWED TO 1.3 PCT INCREASE REAL GNP (WSJ, CSM).

CULLISON (JOC) REPORTS THO JAPAN'S TOTAL OVERSEAS OPNS BASICALLY SOUND, FINANCE MINISTRY CONTINUING REQUIRE PARENT BANKS OVERSEAS BRANCHES/SUBSIDIARIES/AFFILIATES SUBMIT PERIODIC REPORTS, ESPECIALLY WHERE LENDING CONCERNED.

NYT'S CRITTENDEN/WP'S EGAN WRITE ARTICLES ON FON INVESTMENT IN US. NOTE OF 50 LARGEST FON FIRMS, 4 JAPAN-BASED CORPS HAVE INVESTED ONLY ON TOKEN SCALE.

KIRK (NYT MAG 12/12) DOES LENGTHY ITEM (W/PIX) ON "YAMAGUCHI"--JAPAN'S LARGEST CRIME SYNDICATE. COUNTRY'S FULL-TIME CRIMINAL POPULATION NEARLY 110,000, HEADED BY "MAYOR OF THE NIGHT" HIDEOMI ODA. ACCORDING NATL TAX ADMIN, UNDERWORLD'S LEGAL/ILLEGAL ENTERPRISES WILL GROSS OVER 5 BIL DOLS THIS YEAR.

MIRANDA CORP, NY-OWNED CAMERA MAKER, HAS FILED FOR COURT PROTECTION IN TOKYO AFTER INCURRING 6.8 MIL DOLS WORTH DEBTS (WSJ).

SUMITOMO ELECTRIC HAS REACHED BASIC AGREEMENT W/STATE-OWNED IRAN POWER GENERATION CORP TO BUILD 98 MIL DOL ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION LINE LINKING TEHRAN W/STEAM PLANT TO BE BUILT IN N JAPAN.

SHIPMENTS JAPANESE-MADE SKIS TO US ROSE 103 PCT IN 1ST 3 QUARTERS '76 TO OVER 80,000 PAIRS (WSJ).

USN PETTY OFFICERJOHN CLARK ROBBED OF 6000 DOLS/KILLED
IN OKINAWA 12/11(AP, NYT 12/12).

FORMER JAPANESE DIPLOMAT/EXEC DIRECTOR NY'S NIPPON CLUB
SHOICHIRO KONO DIED OF CANCER AT JAPAN RED CROSS HOSPITAL
12/11 AT AGE 70 (UPI, NYT 12/12).

11. JAPAN/CHINA

JOC REPORTS GOJ OFFICIALS WILL APPROACH CARTER ADMIN EARLY
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NEXT YEAR IN HOPES LAUNCHING PRELIM NEGOTS LEADING TO AP-
PROVAL BY COORDINATING COMTE FOR EXPORTS CONTROL FOR TOKYO'S
PLANNED EXPORT 3 SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERS TO PRC. SINCE
COMPUTERS COULD BE USED FOR STRATEGIC PURPOSES, CONSIDERED
POSSIBLE CMTE MAY REJECT SALE.

12. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS SPACE SATELLITE LAUNCHED TUES SUCCESSFULLY
RETURNED TO EARTH. DETAILS, INCL DATE WHEN RETRIEVED,
NOT GIVEN (REUTER HK, 12/10).

GRIFFITHS (REUTER PEKING 12/10) REPORTS INFORMED SOURCES
SAY NO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS MADE SINCE STALLED SINO-SOVIET
BORDER TALKS RESUMED IN PEKING 10 DAYS AGO. CHINESE
SOURCES INDICATED PRIVATELY WILL BE NO IMPROVEMENT UNLESS
SOVS CHANGE ATTITUDE, COME FORWARD W/CONCRETE PROPOSALS.

IN UPI INTERVIEW (WSTAR 12/12), FORD STATED PROGRESS
FOR CHINESE "HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTIVE," BUT "ONE SHOULDN'T
ANTICIPATE ANY GREAT BREAKTHROUGH." ADDED IS IN THEIR
INTEREST/OUR INTEREST "MAKE CERTAIN" PROGRESS CONTINUES.

AFP (WP 12/11) REPORTS "RELIABLE DIPLOMATIC SOURCES"
INDICATE AT LEAST 16 PRC AMBS HAVE BEEN/ARE ABOUT TO BE
RECALLED AS PART MAJOR RESHUFFLE PRC DIPL SERVICE. AMONG
THOSE ALREADY RECALLED IS AMB TO JAPAN CHEN CHU.

OFFICIAL PROVINCIAL BROADCASTS STATE WUHAN INDUSTRIAL
CENTER "THROWN INTO CHAOS" IN FACTIONAL FIGHTING/POWER
STRUGGLES OVER LAST FEW MONTHS. CHIANG CHING/"GANG OF
4" BLAMED FOR INCITING MASSES "STRUGGLE WITH ONE ANOTHER."
HUA/CCP CENTRAL CMTE CALLED WUHAN/HUPEI PROVINCIAL LEADER-

SHIP TO PEKING FOR CONSULTATIONS (MATHEWS WP HK, 12/11).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT 12/11) REPORTS HK ANALYSTS SEE MILITARY
PLAYING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN PRC DECISION-MAKING.
CHINESE PRESS HAS NEARLY STOPPED REFERRING TO CENTRAL CMTE,
BUT USE PHRASE "PARTY CENTER," PERHAPS INDICATING SOME

SORT EXPANDED LEADERSHIP OUTSIDE POLITBURO. THREE OF 12
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POLITBURO MEMBERS MILITARY PERSONNEL, ARMY OFFICERS STILL
HOLD 45-50 PCT CONTROL PARTY SECRETARY POSTS AT PROVINCIAL
LEVEL.

PRC ANNOUNCES OPENING 2ND NATL CONFERENCE ON "LEARNING
FROM TACHAI." ONCE-POOR TACHAI NOW MODEL FARM BRIGADE
DUE AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION. REPORTS FROM PEKING SAY
CONF LIKELY PRELUDE TO ANNOUNCEMENT NEW 5-YEAR PLAN NEXT
YEAR. HUA HAS CALLED FOR MECHANIZATION ALL FARMS "IN THE
MAIN" BY 1980 (MATHEWS, WP 12/12).

COMMERCIAL ATTACHE AMEMB TAIPEI SAYS US-TAIWAN TRADE WILL
REACH RECORD 4.5 BIL DOLS THIS YEAR (CSM).

ANALYSTS ESTIMATE TAIWAN'S ECONOMY WILL EXPAND MORE THAN
11 PCT THIS YEAR, NEARLY DOUBLE EARLIER ESTIMATES. KEY
FACTOR IS BUMPER RICE CROP, WHICH TRIPLED AGRIC PRODUCTION
DURING YEAR (WSJ).

GROC REPORTS TAIWAN'S FON TRADE AMOUNTED TO 14 BIL DOLS IN
1ST 11 MONTHS '76.; 40.2 PCT INCREASE OVER SAME PERIOD LAST
YEAR (JOC).

UPI (NYT) STORY REPORTS FORMER CKS CHIEF MIL ADVISER MAJ
GEN DAVID BARR TOLD CONGRESS 6 MONTHS BEFORE MAO PROCLAIMED
PRC THAT SITUATION HOPELESS UNLESS US INVADED MAINLAND OR
ARMED MILLION MORE NATLIST TROOPS. PREVIOUSLY-SECRET TEST-
IMONY CONTAINED IN 8 VOLS NOW BEING PUBLISHED BY HFAC.

13. GENERAL

EA COUNTRIES HAVE "DYNAMIC...SUCCESSFUL" NATL FAMILY
PLANNING PROGRAMS. PRC'S APPEARS MOST REMARKABLE ACHIEVE-
MENT; IN JAPAN, TREND IN RIGHT DIRECTION BUT PROBLEMS
EXIST; HK GOVT SUCCESSFUL IN LOWERING BIRTH RATE; SINGA-
PORE USES DRACONIAN METHODS/COERCION (REUTER, WP 12/12).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

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HERBLOCK IN WP IN A CARTOON LABELED "TALK ABOUT GIFTS
THAT KEEP ON GIVING" SHOWS KOREANS HANDING GIFT PARCEL
("KOREAN MONEY TO US CONGRESSMEN") UNDER THE TABLE TO
AMERICAN WHO IS HANDING PARCEL "CONGRESSIONAL APPROPRIA-
TIONS FOR KOREA" OVER THE TABLE TO THE KOREANS.

OLIPHANT (WSTAR) SHOWS WILD PARTY IN PROGRESS AT DOOR OF CONGRESS WITH KOREAN HANDING CASH INTO DOOR WHILE CALLING FOR O'NEILL.

NYT NOTES CONNECTION OF BRADEMAS TO TONGSUN PARK IN THE COURSE OF EDIT ON NEW HOUSE LEADERSHIP. SAYS THAT ETHICS COMMITTEE "HAS REPEATEDLY PROVED ITSELF A TOOTHLESS TABBY" AND SEES LITTLE ACTION COMING FROM HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

JOHN MAURY, FORMER CIA AND DOD OFFICIAL, WRITES IN WP WHY SURPRISE ATTACK USUALLY WORKS. RECALLS HIS DAYS AS CIA WATCH COMMITTEE OFFICER AT START OF KOREAN WAR. SAYS HIS COMMITTEE HAD NOTED MORE STRIDENT NK PROPAGANDA AND STEPPED UP SOVIET LOGISTICAL ACTIVITY IN ASIA JUST PRIOR TO ATTACK. SAYS A WEEK BEFORE ATTACK CIA HAD PUT OUT REPORT THAT WHILE NK INTENTIONS UNKNOWN, NK HAS THE CAPABILITY OF ATTACKING AND CAPTURING SEOUL WITHIN 12 DAYS. ALSO PREDICTED ENTRY OF PRC TROOPS. PAST FAILURES DUE TO POLICY-MAKERS WHO DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO USE THE INTELLIGENCE ON HAND.

BGLOBE SAYS BRADEMAS MUST HAVE HAD SOME UNEASY NIGHTS AS KOREAN SCANDAL GREW. SYMPATHIZES WITH HIM HOWEVER, INASMUCH AS HE WAS BEHAVING ACCORDING TO PREVAILING STANDARDS OF "RESPECTABLE" LIBERALS. THOSE STANDARDS MUST BE TIGHTENED. AT THE SAME TIME, MEMBERS LIKE BRADEMAS WHO HAVE MANAGED TO RISE IN LEADERSHIP WITHOUT ENTIRELY COMPROMISING THEIR IDEALS, OFFER THE BEST HOPE FOR CONGRESSIONAL REFORM.

BGLOBE (10/10) REPRINTS OLIPHANT CARTOON SHOWING KOREAN MAKING CASH DONATION TO AID IN HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE INVESTIGATION.
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LETTER TO EDIT BY CITIZEN IN BGLOBE POINTS TO DANGER FACED BY JAPAN IS US TROOPS LEAVE KOREA. ALSO NOTES GENUINE FRIENDSHIP OF KOREANS FOR AMERICANS. CRITICIZES BGLOBE EDIT CALLING FOR TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

BGLOBE REPORTS SAYS AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE STUDY SHOWS REV. MOON AND UNIFICATION CHURCH HAS "UNRELIEVED HOSTILITY" TOWARD JEWS.

15. CHINA

NYT (BUTTERFIELD) SAYS THAT CHINESE LONG USED TO POLITICALLY BLAND NEWS NOW RECEIVING A SERIES OF SENSATIONAL PRESS AND RADIO REPORTS. MOST NOTABLE ARE FROM HUPEH WHERE CHIANG AND GANG REPORTEDLY ATTEMPTED TO OVERTHROW PROVIN-

CIAL LEADERHSIP. CONFLICT STEMS FROM DISPUTE BETWEEN YOUNGER PARTY MEMBERS WHO GAINED SOME POWER DURING GPCR AND OLDER MEMBERS.

CSM (WILLIS) REPORTS FROM MOSCOW THAT SOVIETS DANGLING CARROTS BEFORE BOTH US AND PRC. NOTES RETURN OF SOVIET NEGOTIATOR ON BORDER TALKS.

BALT SUN (WU) SAYS FROM HONG KONG THAT HUA MOVING AGAINST IDEOLOGICAL CONFUSION, POLITICAL ANARCHY AND ECONOMIC CHAOS IN THE POST-MAO PERIOD. CITES RECENTLY CONVENED NPC AS A HUA SUCCESS, LONG OPPOSED BY CHIANG CHING GANG. HUA'S POSITION AS MAN IN CHARGE OF FORTHCOMING WORKS OF MAO PUTS HIM IN KEY POSITION TO SHAPE FUTURE IDEOLOGY.

BALT SUN CARRIES BRIEF EXCERPT FROM EDWARD LUTTWAK ARTICLE IN COMMENTARY MAGAZINE WHICH DISCUSSES ENORMOUS MILITARY WEAKNESSES OF PRC AND DOUBTS SERIOUSLY IF PRC ANYWHERE NEAR BECOMING A REAL SUPERPOWER. LUTTWAK ACCOMPANIED SCHLESINGER IN VISIT TO PRC EARLIER THIS YEAR. LENGTHY PIECE IN COMMENTARY ALSO STRONGLY ATTACKS "POTEMKIN VILLAGE" APPROACH BY CHINESE IN HANDLING VISTORS, AS WELL AS OBVIOUSLY TOTALITARIAN NATURE OF REGIME WHICH AMERICAN LIBERALS SOMEHOW OVERLOOK.

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DOONESBURY (WP) SHOWS US DIPLOMAT IN PEKING DISCUSSING LEADERSHIP CHANGES WITH BRITISH COUNTERPART ON PHONE. CONCLUDES WITH AMERICAN OFFERING "DOUBLE OR NOTHING" BET ON FUTURE OF A LEADING POLITICAN'S WIFE. DUNAGIN'S PEOPLE CARTOON (WP) SNOWS TO PRC OFFICIALS WITH

NUCLEAR BLAST PHOTO ON WALL IN BACKGROUND. ONE OFFICIAL READING FROM LETTER SAYS: "IS GRAVE WARNING FROM US..- - KNOCK OFF NUCLEAR TESTS OR TAKE OUR CHANCE WITH RALPH NADER."

MARVA SHEARER WRITES IN PARADE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT ON TIBET DURING RECENT SCHLESINGER VISIT. FOUR PAGE ARTICLE, PLUS COLOR COVER PHOTOS, ESSENTIALLY TRAVELOGUE WITH NO POLITICAL ANGLES.

TRB WRITING IN WSTAR INCLUDES "CHINA" AS A MAJOR TRANSITION PROBLEM AWAITING NEW ADMINISTRATION.

16. INDOCHINA

MYER (WP, ALSO IN GLOBE) REVIEWS CRS ASSOCIATION W/US MIL IN VN IN FACE CHARGE US RC WEEKLY THAT CRS ABANDONED APOLITICAL ROLE, BECAME ADJUNCT US MIL EFFORT.

GEN WESTMORELAND (NYT 12/12) ADVISES CARTER PAUSE/REFLECT ON "ILL-CONSIDERED" CAMPAIGN PROMISE PARDON VN WAR DRAFT EVADERS. REVIEWS INVOLVEMENT IN WAR. SAYS PUBLIC OPINION SHIFTING BACK TO RATIONAL VIEW OF SUBJECT.

17. PHILIPPINES

READER ZUTZ WRITES TO NYT (12/12) TO PROTEST POSSIBILITY PAYING 1 BILLION DOLS TO GOP TO MAINTAIN MIL BASES THERE. BELIEVES SOCIAL/POL/PSYCHOLOGICAL COSTS SIDING W/AUTHORITARIAN/REPRESSIVE REGIME HIGHER THAN ECON ONES.

NYT NOTES ARMS SALE GROWING. RECALLS COMMENTED FEW DAYS AGO ON ADMIN'S ABORTIVE AGREEMENT FURNISH PHILS W/500 MILLION DOLS' WORTH ARMS. ADVISES PRES/AIDES TAKE GREATER CARE W/POLICY THAT COULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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INCOMING ADMIN, COMMITTED TO CURB ARMS SALES.

18. JAPAN

WSTAR (12/10) STATES ELECTIONS SHOWED JPANAEE PEOPLE "DEMONSTRATED THEIR WEARINESS" WITH "OLD FACES," BUT REFUSED ENDORSE RADICAL CHANGE. ADDS THERE IS NO MANDATE FOR DRASTIC CHANGE IN FOPOL, AND NATL CONSENSUS REMAINS FOR JAPAN'S ECON/MIL TIES W/US.

SEIDEN (SUN TOKYO 12/12) SAYS CONSERV OPPOSITION PARTIES MAY REFUSE ALIGN W/LDP SINCE WILL PROBABLY FARE BETTER IN JUNE ELECTION IF THEY PRESERVE "PURITY" OPPOSITION ROLE. LDP'S STRUGGLE REMAIN CONTROLLING PARTY DEPENDS UPON WHETHER FACTION-TORN COALITION STICKS TOGETHER OR, AS 1 JAPANESE EDITOR SAYS, PRESUMING "NONE OF THE OLD MEN DIES OR COMES DOWN WITH A COLD ON THE DAY THEY VOTE." CONCLUDES "ELDERLY BUSINESS-MINDED" STATESMAN IN FOR THEIR BIGGEST TEST AND "FIRST SCORES SHOULD BE OUT WITHIN THE MONTH."

WP'S SAAR (TOKYO 12/11) BELIEVES LIKELY WINNER IN PM'S ELECTION IS FUKUDA, BUT LESS CERTAIN IS HIS ABILITY UNITE/REFORM PARTY. ADDS VOTERS SHOWED WISDOM, BUT EX-

ERCISED CAUTION; JAPAN REMAINS SLOW-CHANGING/COHESIVE/CONSERVATIVE COUNTRY. CONCLUDES LOSS IN UPPER HOUSE ELECTION IN JUNE COULD LEAD TO "ARRIVAL BY DEFAULT" OF "ILL-PREPARED" OPPOSITION COALITION.

LAT'S JAMESON (GLOBE 12/12) SAYS THAT WHILE FOPOL NOT MAJOR ISSUE IN ELECTIONS, OUTCOME COULD PROMPT US CHANGE ITS METHOD OF DEALING PRIMARILY W/JAPANESE CONSERVATIVES. ADDS US MUST ADJUST ITSELF TO INSURE SMOOTH RELATIONSHIP WITH "AMORPHOUS ENTITY" THAT WILL RUN GOJ IN FORESEEABLE

FUTURE.

SUN OPINES THAT WHILE PROPOSED JAPANESE EXCHANGE PLAN FOR ALASKAN OIL MAY BE MOST ECONOMIC ARRANGEMENT FOR US CONSUMERS/LEAST HAZARDOUS TO ENVIRONMENT, ALTERNATIVES DESERVE EXPLORATION, AND FEA'S WARNING AGAINST FORT ENTANGLE-
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MNTS "SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED."

CSM SAYS TIME HAS COME PARDON IVA D'AQUINO--"TOKYO ROSE." STATES ROSE HAS LONG SINCE PAID DEBT TO SOCIETY, AND HER BEHAVIOR OVER LAST 20 YEARS "ABOVE REPROACH."

GLOBE (12/12) PRINTS LETTER, ADDRESSED TO FORD, FROM EX-USMCR CPL CHARLES HURLEY, REQUESTING PARDON FOR TOKYO ROSE. SAYS AS IMPOSSIBLE THEN AS NOW CONSIDER HER BROADCASTS TREASONOUS. CONCLUDES IF GIVEN OPPORTUNITY, THOSE WHO LISTENED TO ROSE "MIGHT HAVE VOTED HER A MEDAL FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR MORALE."

19. GENERAL

OTTAWAY (WP 12/12) DOES LENGTHY PIECE ON AMNESTY INTL, GROWING LOBBY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. OPINES HUMAN RIGHTS QUESTION HAS "ARRIVED" IN WASHINGTON. MENTIONS STEPS TAKEN, REPORTS FROM PHILS/INDONESIA/OTHER COUNTRIES. TELLS OF INTL COMMISSION OF JURISTS' WORK IN FIELD. ADDS AMNESTY'S ANNUAL REPORT INCLUDES SHORT SECTION ON SOCIALIST COUNTRIES LIKE NVN/PRC/CUBA; COMMENTS INFO HARDER GET FROM EAST BLOC STATES THAN WESTERN RIGHTIST COUNTRIES. NOTES CHURCHES DRAW ATTENTION/SUPPLIED INFO ON RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN KOREA/PHILS/OTHER PLACES.

"ILK (NYT 12/12) OPINES NO "ISLANDS" LEFT IN WORLD'S ECONOMY, W/NATL DECISIONS HAVING INTL EFFECTS. PREDICTS NEW US ADMIN'S MOST PRESSING ECON DIFFICULTIES WILL BE GLOBAL. QUOTES CARTER'S CHIEF ECON ADVISER PROF KLEIN THAT W ECONOMY INCLUDES EEC/NORTH AMERICA/JAPAN, OCCASIONALLY AUSTRALIA/NZ/S AFR. MENTIONS DEBTS OIL-POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

BUCKLEY (GLOBE) SEES RECENT EVENTS PHILS/SK ILLUSTRATING WARNING BY THOMPSON IN BOOK, "NO EXIT FROM VIETNAM," THAT IF US LOST IN VN, 1 OF CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE CONTEMPTUOUS TREATMENT BY STATES THAT COULD NOT SURVIVE W/O OUR TACIT PROTECTION. REVIEWS GOP STAND ON BASE NEGOTIATIONS; SK EFFORTS INFLUENCE CONGRESS.

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GWERTZMAN (NYT) DESCRIBES LAST HAK FLIGHT; RECALLS SEC-
STATE'S SHUTTling AROUND WORLD. MENTIONS INDOCHINA
EVENTS AS PROBABLY HAK'S GREATEST SORROW; OPINES EVEN
KOREAN ACCORD OF 1953 WOULD HAVE COLLAPSED IF ANYTHING
COMPARABLE TO WATERGATE/CONGRESSIONAL CUTOFF FUNDS HAD
HAPPENED. TREWHITT (SUN) BIDS FAREWELL TO HAK. MENTIONS
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE IN VN, CONTAINMENT COMMUNISM, ALREADY
LOST WHEN HAK ARRIVED; WHAT REMAINED WAS TO MASK DEFEAT,
PREVENT SPREAD INTO GLOBAL DEFEAT. SAYS SECSTATE HELPED
EXPAND WAR TO CAMBODIA TO BUY TIME. SEES OPENING TO PRC
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FOR JAPANESE DEFIES NATL INTEREST. KISSINGER

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